

# The HAL Hotline

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## **The Michigan Historical Center and National Partners Receive \$187,00 Grant to Train Archivists at the Grass Roots Level**

The Department of History, Arts and Libraries is pleased to announce that its Michigan Historical Center agency has received a grant to train local historians from all regions of the state in archival management. The Michigan Historical Center, the state archives of New York and Ohio, and the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) have received a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services to create ARCHIVES 101.

The project grew out of an April 2000 meeting of archivists from across the nation at the National Forum on Archival Continuing Education. One of the areas of great concern was the number of people in museums, libraries, historical societies and community organizations who care for parts of the nation's archival heritage, but have no training in the field. Many of these people are professionally trained in their own disciplines, but not in archives.

ARCHIVES 101 will create a national program of basic training in archival management for the non-archivist. The material will be available on line, on CD and in live workshops. The Michigan Historical Center will work with its new colleagues in the Department of History, Arts and Libraries to test the program with libraries and arts agencies, as well as museums, before it is offered on a national basis.

For more information please contact Sandra Clark, Michigan Historical Center Director at 517-373-6362.

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**The Home and Garden Television (HGTV) "Dream Drives" program featuring the West Bluff in Mackinac Island State Park and also the Hubbard's Annex area will air on Friday, March 8, 2002 at 10:30 p.m.**

## *"Winter on the Frontier"* *Opening at Colonial Michilimackinac*



### **A Exciting Experience with a MEAP Perspective**

Come to Colonial Michilimackinac to experience the sights, sounds and smells of winter at an outpost and fur-trading village in the 1770s. Smell the wood fires in the authentic row houses, hear a fur trader playing the fiddle in the Trader Store, watch the troops drill on the Parade Ground, or warm yourself by the fire as you hear tales of life in the 18th century.

And don't forget that a visit to Colonial Michilimackinac can help students of Michigan history experience: Strand 1 Historic Perspective, Strand 2 Geographic Perspective, Strand 4 Economic Perspective and Strand 5 Inquiry of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP). Part of the Mackinac State Historic Parks, Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City is open during the winter from Wednesday, February 20, through Saturday, February 23. This will be the only winter opening for 2002! There are special rates for groups of 12 or more.

If you have any questions about this special opening, please contact Bruce Lynn at 231-436-5762 or e-mail at [lynnbe@michigan.gov](mailto:lynnbe@michigan.gov)

## **Did you know . . .**

*Cond'e Nast Traveler magazine again named Mackinac Island to its list of the top 20 islands in the world, and ranked Mackinac as 8th of the "temperate islands." The rankings are in the December 2001 "World's Best" issue.*

## Michigan Film Office Bringing in More Dollars

Established in 1979, the Michigan Film Office encourages movie and television companies to use Michigan and provides services to make this possible. The list of mediums done in Michigan includes: commercials, documentaries, industrial, corporate films, music videos and still shoots. As the Film Office's only staff member, Janet Lockwood provides services that include: crew resources, location photographs, scouting, permitting, liaison with governments at all levels and coordination with unions.

Michigan has always been in the Top Ten for commercial work, bringing an average of \$250 million annually into the state. Now, thanks to the Film Office's efforts in California and New York, Michigan is becoming attractive to Filmmakers from all over the world. Filmmakers who spent over \$10 million in 2000 and will set a record by spending over \$20 million in 2001! Michigan's own gift to Hollywood, Jeff Daniels, prefers to make movies like *Escanaba in Moonlight* and *Super Sucker* in towns like Escanaba and Jackson. Each time a film crew comes to a Michigan location money is spent in that region. Recent Michigan films include: *American Pie 2*, shot in Grand Haven; *Road to Perdition* with Tom Hanks and Jude Law, shot in the Saugatuck and Holland area; and *Below*, utilizing Muskegon's submarine the USS Silversides.

Can your town or county bring in Filmmakers? You never know what kind of set or location will be needed in the future. Check out the Michigan Film Office web page to get the full story:

<http://film.michigan.org>  
[michigan.gov/hal](http://michigan.gov/hal)

or call Janet Lockwood at 1-800-477-3456.



*Donna Alward (right), director of Houghton Lake Public Library, accepting Excellence Award from (left) Christie Pearson Brandau, Library of Michigan's State Librarian and Sarah Watkins, Director of the Library of Michigan Foundation.*

## Houghton Lake, Chesterfield Township and Saginaw Libraries Receive Excellence Awards

The 12-member jury panel cited Houghton Lake's enthusiasm, positive attitude, a passion for excellence, and a "can do" attitude as factors in winning the State Librarian's Excellence Award, which awards \$5,000 in privately raised funds to one library annually. The State Librarian's Excellence Awards are made possible through a grant from the Library of Michigan Foundation and are awarded to Michigan libraries that best exemplify excellence in customer service.

Two Citations of Excellence were awarded as well. Chesterfield Township Library was recognized for its "human" touch and commitment to "community" and Public Libraries of Saginaw was recognized for its "warm and caring staff" and "relaxed and inviting atmosphere." Both library systems receive great support from their respective communities.

The awards were presented at the Excellence Reception, held as part of the MLA Annual Conference on November 7th, at the Library of Michigan. "These outstanding libraries deserve congratulations for their excellence in customer service," said State Librarian, Christie Pearson Brandau. "Libraries make such a difference in people's lives, and we wanted to start recognizing the best of the best."

For more information contact the Library of Michigan Foundation at 517-373-4470.



## Schooner in the Sand: Unlocking the Secrets of a Great Lakes Shipwreck

**Discovery by 10-Year-Old Boy Leads to Major Archeology Undertaking in the U.P.**

Ten-year-old David Head noticed its shape in the sandy bank of the Millecoquins River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. *Schooner in the Sand: Unlocking the Secrets of a Great Lakes Shipwreck*, presents the story of David Head's discovery and is the latest special exhibit to be presented by the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing, from January 12 through August 18, 2002. The exhibit focuses on the 1990 discovery near Naubinway and the subsequent archaeological work conducted by an archaeological team from East Carolina University, in cooperation with the office of Michigan's state archaeologist.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located at 717 W. Allegan Street in downtown Lansing, 2 blocks west of the Capitol. Admission and weekend parking are FREE. For more information contact the Michigan Historical Museum online at: [www.sos.state.mi.us/history](http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history) or telephone 517-373-3559.

### Match the New Department of History, Arts & Libraries Agencies With the Departments They Came From:

1. Michigan Council for Arts And Cultural Affairs \_\_\_\_\_
2. Michigan Historical Center \_\_\_\_\_
3. Michigan Film Office \_\_\_\_\_
4. Library of Michigan \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mackinac State Park Commission \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Department of Natural Resources
  - b. Michigan Legislature
  - c. Department of Consumer & Industry Services
  - d. Michigan Department of State
  - e. Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Refer to the HAL contact list on the back page to easily locate each agency.

## Library of Michigan Drama, Suspense and Excitement: African-American Genealogy

Each Saturday morning, a line of genealogists await the Library of Michigan opening. There is a quiet excitement as people from all over the country check their notebooks and writing instruments one last time. The doors open promptly at 9:00 a.m. The line of people moves quickly to claim a desk and begin their exciting investigations into the past.

Thanks to the Library of Michigan Abrams Foundation Historical Collection more people are learning about the excitement and intrigue that genealogy can add to their stories. For example, genealogical resources for people of color are not always easy to find or use. To help remedy this problem, on October 27, the Library of Michigan presented a workshop on African-American genealogical research with Carole Callard, Genealogy Specialist at the Library of Michigan. Of the 43 people who attended, 30 were from Detroit. The highlight of the program was a presentation by Wima Gibbs of the Indiana Historical Society, who discussed strategies for researching the histories of slave and non-slave families.

There are six more genealogy sessions that focus on the resources available at the Library of Michigan. Discover the session that tells your community's story by calling Carole Callard at 517-373-1300.

### "Kids at Fayette" Hands-on Exhibit Opens at Michigan Historical Museum

Fayette Historic Townsite, located 60 miles east of Escanaba, attracts over 100,000 visitors each year. Experience a small part of this magnificent historic site through the popular "Kids at Fayette" exhibit at the Michigan Historical Museum. This interactive exhibit is open from January through March 24.

Experiencing the "Kids at Fayette" exhibit is also a great way to start planning your summer trip to one or more of the four Upper Peninsula field sites operated by the Michigan Historical Museum. For more information please call 517-373-3559.

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# Millions of Michigan Youth Served by over \$23 Million in Grants

With the announcement of 385 awards, totaling over \$23 million, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs capped off an exciting, albeit arduous, fiscal year 2002. In all, MCACA received 470 applications requesting fiscal year 2002 funding. This is up from 400 applications in FY 2001 and includes requests totaling more than \$46 million—twice the amount available to award. Applications were received in each of MCACA's 12 granting programs and from 70 Michigan counties.

The impact of these grants goes far beyond the actual dollar amount of the awards. The return to taxpayers in every region of the state, not only includes the dollar award to their local organizations, but also includes: an improved quality of life, regional economic impact, local jobs, cultural tourism and educational opportunities to promote life-long learning. When viewed in this light, these grants greatly enhance Michigan's competitive position in the national and regional economy. For example, in the Anchor Organization program, MCACA's program for Michigan's major institutions, there were 53 applications. Those applications estimated 18 million individuals would be served in FY 2002 through their programs. Of the 18 million, over 6 million are youth served through various education efforts!

The guidelines for FY 2003 have been developed. Please take advantage of the grant assistance workshops located in major regions throughout the state. They have been scheduled so your constituents can be prepared to meet the FY 2003 application deadline of May 1, 2002.

For further information on technical assistance opportunities, program or other information, please contact MCACA at 517-241-4011 or visit our website at [www.cis.state.mi.us/arts](http://www.cis.state.mi.us/arts) or [michigan.gov/hal](http://michigan.gov/hal).

## Our Mission

*The Mission of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries is to enrich quality of life for Michigan residents by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage, and fostering cultural creativity. The department includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office, the Michigan Historical Center and the Library of Michigan.*

## Handy HAL contacts

### Department of History, Arts and Libraries

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**Visit us:** [michigan.gov/hal](http://michigan.gov/hal)

### Library of Michigan

**State Librarian:** Christie Pearson Brandau

**Phone:** (517) 373-1580

**Reference/Genealogy Desk:** (517) 373-1300

**Library of Michigan Foundation:** (517) 373-4470

**Library of Michigan Circulation:** (517) 373-1360 or  
(517) 373-1361

**Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped:**  
(517) 373-5614

**(Michigan residents only):** 1-800-726-7323

**Library of Michigan Law Library:** (517) 373-0630

**Reference Desk:** (517) 373-1300

**Email:** [librarian@LibraryofMichigan.org](mailto:librarian@LibraryofMichigan.org)

**TDD -** (517) 373-8937

### Mackinac Island State Park Commission

**Executive Director:** Carl Nold

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### Michigan Council For Arts and Cultural Affairs

**Executive Director:** Betty Boone

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### Michigan Film Office

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### Michigan Historical Center

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